

MINUTES OF THE LAKE METROPARKS REGULAR MEETING
(The following is a summary of Board Meeting Minutes. Transcripts available upon request.)

PLACE: VIRTUAL

DATE: January 6, 2021

I. Roll Call and Pledge

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom with Board members Gretchen Skok DiSanto, President; and Vice Presidents Frank Polivka and John Redmond. Staff included: Paul Palagyi, Executive Director; Vince Urbanski, Deputy Director; Russ Meraglio, Legal Counsel; Chris Brassell; Tom Adair, Guy Wagner, Liz Mather and Tammy Chiappone.

Mrs. Skok DiSanto led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Mr. Redmond to approve the Board Meeting Agenda. Seconded by Mr. Polivka. Motion passed unanimously.

Judge Bartolotta shared an email he received from a Lake County resident thanking Lake Metroparks staff for their hard work during the pandemic.

III. Minutes

A. Regular Meeting December 16, 2020

Motion by Mr. Polivka to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, December 16, 2020. Seconded by Mr. Redmond. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Meeting Open to the Public

Judge Bartolotta – Probate Judge
Chad Felton – The News-Herald

V. Old Business

VI. Election of Officers

A. President

Motion by Mr. Redmond to appoint Mr. Polivka as Board President for 2021. Seconded by Mrs. Gretchen Skok DiSanto. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Vice Presidents

Motion by Mr. Polivka to appoint Mrs. Skok DiSanto and Mr. Redmond as Vice Presidents for 2021. Seconded by Mr. Redmond. Motion passed unanimously.

It was unanimously agreed that Mrs. Skok DiSanto would finish out the January meeting as President.

VII. Finance Report

A. December 2020

Mr. Brassell read the Finance Report for December 2020.

Motion by Mr. Redmond to approve the Finance Report for December 2020. Seconded by Mr. Polivka. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. New Business

A. Other

1. Resolution 2021-001, Special Revenue Grant Fund Creation

Mr. Palagyi explained Resolution 2021-001, Special Revenue Grant Fund Creation.

Motion by Mr. Polivka to approve Resolution 2021-001, Special Revenue Grant Fund Creation. Seconded by Mr. Redmond. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Resolution 2021-002, Health Insurance Renewal

Mr. Palagyi explained Resolution 2021-002, Health Insurance Renewal.

Motion by Mr. Redmond to approve Resolution 2021-002, Health Insurance Renewal. Seconded by Mr. Polivka. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Resolution 2021-003, 2020 Budget Modifications

Mr. Palagyi explained Resolution 2021-003, 2020 Budget Modifications.

Motion by Mr. Redmond to approve Resolution 2021-003, 2020 Budget Modifications. Seconded by Mr. Polivka. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Resolution 2021-004, Lake Erie Bluffs Property Management Agreement

Mr. Palagyi explained Resolution 2021-004, Lake Erie Bluffs Property Management Agreement with the Lake County Commissioners.

Motion by Mr. Redmond to approve Resolution 2021-004, Lake Erie Bluffs Property Management Agreement. Seconded by Mr. Polivka. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Resolution 2021-005, Lake County Commissioners Property Donation

Mr. Palagyi explained Resolution 2021-005, Lake County Commissioners Property Donation.

Motion by Mr. Polivka to approve Resolution 2021-005, Lake County Commissioners Property Donation. Seconded by Mr. Redmond. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Equipment Purchases – Erie Shores Golf Course

Mr. Palagyi explained the purchase of two pieces of equipment for Erie Shores Golf Course from Baker Vehicle Systems in the amount of \$90,707.00.

Motion by Mr. Redmond to approve two equipment purchases from Baker Vehicle Systems in the amount of \$90,707.00. Seconded by Mr. Polivka. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Equipment Purchases – Pine Ridge Country Club

Mr. Palagyi explained the purchase of two pieces of equipment for Pine Ridge Country Club from Century Equipment in the amount of \$74,758.73.

Motion by Mr. Polivka to approve two equipment purchases from Century Equipment in the amount of \$74,758.73. Seconded by Mr. Redmond. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Equipment Purchase – Park Operations

Mr. Palagyi explained the purchase of equipment for the Park Operations Department from Clark Equipment Company in the amount of \$47,729.71.

Motion by Mr. Redmond to approve the equipment purchase from Clark Equipment Company in the amount of \$47,729.71. Seconded by Mr. Polivka. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Equipment Purchase – Lake Metroparks Farmpark

Mr. Palagyi explained the purchase of equipment for Lake Metroparks Farmpark from Chardon Tractor Sales in the amount of \$55,138.00.

Motion by Mr. Polivka to approve the equipment purchase from Chardon Tractor Sales in the amount of \$55,138.00. Seconded by Mr. Redmond. Motion passed unanimously.

IX. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Palagyi said that December saw a visitation increase of ten percent (18,000 visitors) when compared to last December; from March to December, there was an increase of 22 percent (690,000 visitors) from the previous year.

Mr. Palagyi said that construction is continuing at Girdled Road North. Crews are currently working on an expanded parking lot. An overlook is planned along with a new trail on the north side.

Mr. Palagyi said that he hopes the Adventure Play area at the Environmental Learning Center will be completed by late spring. Once complete, we will rebrand the property as Jordan Creek Park.

Mr. Polivka and Mrs. Skok DiSanto wished everyone a happy new year and thanked the staff for their hard work and dedication during the pandemic.

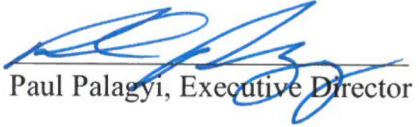
X. Executive Session

Mr. Palagyi said there was not a need for an Executive Session.

XI. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Polivka to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 5:17 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Redmond. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,


Paul Palagyi, Executive Director


Gretchen Skok DiSanto, President